

## ICAR-CIFA organized Farmer-Scientist interaction

17 March 2018

Bhubaneswar

As a part of its endeavor to forge strong linkage with farming community, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture and KVK, Khordha organized farmer-scientist interaction today at Kausalyaganga. Over 150 farmers and farm women of Odisha and 27 farmers from Pune, Maharashtra attended the meet. Scientists of ICAR-CIFA addressed farmers' production related queries instantly in local language informed Dr J K Sundaray, Director, ICAR-CIFA. Ramdas Baburao a farmer from Pune who is attending a five day long training programme on



a five day long training programme on 'Freshwater Pearl Culture' said that the Gosthi (interaction with scientists) was very useful. "I got several practical tips to enhance fish production from my pond that holds water only for 6-7 months". This event coincides with "*Krishi Unnati Mela*" being organized in New Delhi by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the farmers, scientists, other stakeholders at the IARI mela ground on this

occasion. Arrangements are made at ICAR-CIFA for live webcast of PM's address in four different location at Institute Campus. In this address the Hon'ble Prime Minister appreciated the spirit and the hard work of our farmers, for their achievements in agriculture since independence. He said that today, there is record production of foodgrains, pulses, fruits and vegetables, and milk. He said that there are important challenges in agriculture today, which reduce the farmer's income, and increase his losses and expenditure. He said the Government is working with a holistic approach to deal with these challenges. He said the aim remains to double farmers' incomes, and make the farmers' lives easier. This webcast was watched by over 400 persons including farmers, scientists, officers, students, research scholars and other staffs of the



institute. Sri Pradip Das, Petroleum Conservation Research Association, Bhubaneswar also interacted with the farmers and shared information about energy conservation in agriculture.

